

“What Hinders Prayer?” Part 7

Text: Isaiah 59:2; Micah 3:4

Cross References: Psalm 18:41; Proverbs 1:28

God has already told us that secret sin will hinder our prayer life and now, he states to obvious....that iniquity (sin of any type) will hinder our prayer life. God tells us that if we have iniquity in our life not only will he not hear us but that also our iniquities have hid God's face from our view.

Hebrews 12:2 says 'Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith'. If our iniquities have hid God's face from our view, then it will be impossible to see the one who began and keeps our faith. With Christ's help, our faith will crumble. We must keep all forms of sin out of our life. No, we are not saying that we can be sinelessly perfect here on earth; however, we are saying that we should not continually live in a lifestyle of sin. Living in a lifestyle of sin will cause God to not hear our prayers, God to hide his face from us, and severely damage our faith in God. Always remember that when sin enters our life, God has given us I John 1:9 to claim!

Lord, help us to keep a very short account of our sins before you. Cause us to want to live more and more like you. May we always keep our eyes on you as our example. When we do fall short, help us to remember that you have promised not only forgiveness from sin but also cleansing from sin if we will just confess our sin to you!